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SUBJECT: UNDERSECRETARIAL TASK FORCE ON U.S. FOOTWEAR: TRADE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEATHER SHOES AND BOOTS.

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1. TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEATHER FOOTWEAR ARE EXTREMELY
LIMITED DUE TO ECUADOR'S PROHIBITIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
AND THE FACT THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ITSELF
MANUFACTURES BOOTS FOR THE TOTAL ARMED FORCES AND
NATIONAL POLICE.

2. UNDER THE RESTRICTIONS, THE ONLY LEATHER OR PARTLY
LEATHER FOOTWEAR PERMITTED ARE A) PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR
FOR WORKERS, AND B) SPECIAL ATHLETIC SHOES. THESE
MAY ENTER THE COUNTRY UNDER A 40 PERCENT IMPORT DUTY,
A 30 PERCENT SURCHARGE, A 1 PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE, AND
A 30 PERCENT REFUNDABLE ADVANCE DEPOSIT, AS WELL AS A
CHARGE OF 7.5 PERCENT OF THE CIF VALUE.

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3. GOVERNMENT TENDERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES
SPECIFY "LOCAL PURCHASE".

4. GOE TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1975, 1976 SHOW NO IMPORTS OF
LEATHER SHOES OR BOOTS FOR THOSE YEARS.
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